Guns of Autumn producer here

The producer of The Guns of Autumn, an October TV special that left numbers of hunters limply apopolectic, is coming to Augusta to talk about the show.

Irving Drasnin's forum will be the Augusta Kiwanis Club meeting Jan. 29 at Holiday Inn. Program chairman Milton F. Huntington talked to Drasnin Monday and was told he will not be drawn into an anti-hunting discussion, but prefers to limit his remarks to, and answer questions on, the show itself.

Guns of Autumn devoted considerable footage to private preserve hunting, the camera following hunters to easy kills of sometimes exotic animals. Drasnin acknowledged to Huntington that he had had thousands of replies from hunters who felt the documentary was biased against their interests.

In the January-February Columbia Journalism Review, Drasnin wrote:

"As reporters, we did not say anything good or bad about hunting, but let the hunter speak for himself. You (addressing a critical editorial) ignore the many good things hunters had to say about hunting which we reported throughout the broadcast.

"It is not the journalist's role to say something good or bad about any subject but to report what is true; it is not for the reporter to present a positive or negative view of any subject, only an accurate one. No one has yet successfully challenged either the truth or the accuracy of The Guns of Autumn."

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